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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,5,7-10,12,13,15 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,5,7-10,12,13,15 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-10, 12-13, 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alperovich in view of Franza.

Regarding claim 1 Alperovich teaches a mobile telephone connected to a network system for mobile communications accommodating a plurality of mobile telephones (see col. 3, lines 1-16). Alperovich teaches generating user information related to a condition of a user that includes a specified user language and/or specified user medical data; and transmitting the user information on the network system for mobile communications (see col. 2, lines 17-18 & 21-22, col. 3, lines 64-67, and col. 4, lines 1-7). Alperovich teaches previously setting information related to a language that the user understands (see col. 2, lines 16-22, col. 3, lines 64-67 and col. 4, lines 1-7). Alperovich does not specifically teach adding to user information the information related to a language that the user understands. Franza teaches adding to user information the information related to a language that the user understands (see col. 5, lines 1-10 and col. 6, lines 5-14). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include adding to user information the information related to a

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language that the user understands because this would allow for efficient routing of emergency calls based on user specified data.

Regarding claim 2 Alperovich teaches acquiring positional information of a mobile telephone (see col. 5, lines 31-34). Alperovich teaches providing positional information of the mobile telephone as user information (see col. 5, lines 35-41).

Regarding claim 4 Alperovich teaches a user inputting a code defining a condition of the user (see col. 3, lines 66-67 and col. 4, lines 1-2 & 60-64. Alperovich teaches adding to user information the code defining the condition of the user (see col. 53-64.

Regarding claim 5 Alperovich teaches a device as recited in claim 4 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 7 Alperovich teaches a device as recited in claim 4 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 8 Alperovich teaches a device as recited in claim 4 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 9 Alperovich teaches a method of communicating information, for use in a mobile telephone connected to a network system for mobile communications accommodating a plurality of mobile telephones (see col. 3, lines 1-16). Alperovich teaches generating user information related to a condition of a user that includes a specified user language and/or specified user medical data; and transmitting the user information on the network system for mobile communications (see col. 2, lines 17-18 & 21-22, col. 3, lines 64-67, and col. 4, lines 1-7). Alperovich teaches previously setting information related to a language that the user understands (see col. 2, lines 16-22, col. 3, lines 64-67 and col. 4, lines 1-7).

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Alperovich does not specifically teach adding to user information the information related to a language that the user understands. Franza teaches adding to user information the information related to a language that the user understands (see col. 5, lines 1-10 and col. 6, lines 5-14). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include adding to user information the information related to a language that the user understands because this would allow for efficient routing of emergency calls based on user specified data.

Regarding claim 10 Alperovich teaches a device as recited in claim 2 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 12 Alperovich teaches a device as recited in claim 4 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 13 Alperovich teaches a device as recited in claim 4 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 15 Alperovich teaches a device as recited in claim 4 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Regarding claim 16 Alperovich teaches a device as recited in claim 4 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-10, 12-13, and 15-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Aarnio US Patent No. 6,522,889 discloses a method and apparatus for providing precise location information through a communications network.

Barnier et al. US Patent No. 6,690,932 discloses a system and method for providing language translation services in a telecommunication network.

Antonucci et al. US Patent No. 6,584,307 discloses a system and method for communicating between a special number call answering agency and a mobile action asset.

Maystre et al. US Patent No. 6,032,036 discloses an alarm and emergency call system.

Calaman US Patent No. 6,294,993 discloses system for providing personal security via event detection.

Lietsalmi et al. US Patent No. 6,201,974 discloses a mobile station and network having hierarchical index for cell broadcast service.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandon J Miller whose telephone number is 703-305-4222. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on 703-308-5318. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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